

Media Release

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DELIVERING HUNDREDS OF HOMES FOR ABORIGINAL VICTORIANS

Hundreds of new social homes will soon be built for First Nations Victorians as part of the Allan Labor Government's record investment into housing across the state.

Minister for Housing and Building Harriet Shing today announced more than \$153 million will be invested to deliver up to 348 new homes in Victoria.

The funding is across 93 projects, as part of the Labor Government's Big Housing Build, with 10 per cent of all new social homes under the build to be for Aboriginal Victorians.

The homes will be built right across the state with significant investment in regional Victoria – more than 230 homes in the regions, including 58 new homes in Greater Shepparton, 36 homes in East Gippsland, 29 homes in Wodonga, 28 homes in Greater Geelong, and 24 homes in Ballarat.

This funding supports self-determination and builds economic strength through partnerships with Aboriginal organisations, who will design, deliver, and manage the homes.

Aboriginal Housing Victoria, Aboriginal Community Housing Victoria Limited, Rumbalara Aboriginal Co-operative, and Winda-Mara Aboriginal Corporation are the agencies who will be delivering these homes.

The funding for this program builds on existing initiatives to support the implementation of the Victorian Aboriginal Housing and Homelessness Framework – *Mana-na woorn-tyeen maar-takoort, Every Aboriginal Person has a Home* – which sets out how to improve Aboriginal housing outcomes in a generation.

This comes after the Government recently announced it would extend help for First Nations Victorians who are struggling to find or keep a private rental – providing more than \$17 million over three years in rental support.

The Aboriginal Private Rental Assistance Program was co-designed by Homes Victoria and Aboriginal housing organisations to help Aboriginal Victorians overcome barriers to renting and supports them to stay in their homes.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Housing and Building Harriet Shing

"We're delivering hundreds of homes across the state for First Nations Victorians through our record investment in social and affordable housing across the state."

"By working closely with First Nations housing organisations, we're making sure homes that get built for Aboriginal Victorians are designed and managed in a way that reflects the needs of their communities."

Quote attributable to Minister for Treaty and First Peoples Natalie Hutchins

"This investment will help ensure more Aboriginal Victorians have access to safe, secure, and culturally appropriate housing – designed and delivered by organisations that know their communities best."